REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 15-31 are present for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 1, 17, 18, and 30 are currently amended.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 33 is sincerely appreciated. Claim 1 has now been amended to include the recitations of claims 33 and 32, from which claim 33 depended, and claims 32 and 33 have consequently been cancelled without prejudice. The other independent claims, namely claims 17, 18, and 30, have also been amended to include recitations similar to those from claims 32 and 33.

Thus, all of the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and early notice of which would be appreciated. Should there be any remaining issues to resolve, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested in an effort to expedite the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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